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<b>Award Nomination</b>	AIAS Student Award
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July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Michael Sinclair, AIA

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The 2020 AIA Nebraska Honors and Awards Jury

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Re: Graduate AIAS Student Award nominee Quinn McFadden

It is my greatest pleasure, in my capacities as UNL AIAS chapter faculty advisor, member of the UNL architecture program faculty, and his professor, to recommend Quinn McFadden to receive the 2020 graduate AIAS Student Award.

I am so excited that Quinn has taken on the role of UNL's AIAS Chapter president for the upcoming 2020-21 academic year. I know that AIA Nebraska will love working with him. As an undergraduate, Quinn has already been very active in the regional and national body of the AIAS. For the upcoming year, he has assembled a mostly new executive committee. Under his enthusiastic leadership I fully expect that we will witness substantial growth in AIAS membership and activity at UNL.

I personally know Quinn to be very strong academically, a selfless collaborator, and a supportive colleague to his fellow students. Quinn was selected as one of a four-member student team to compete in the one-day 2019 AIAS Central States Emerging Professionals Design Competition in St. Louis. I served as faculty advisor, and we achieved third place; the best result so far for UNL. I directly observed how Quinn, an undergrad among three 6<sup>th</sup> year MArch students, played a key role under pressure in moving the team forward and getting the entry finished. Having done this competition once, Quinn and I are looking forward to UNL taking first place in 2020!

I fully expect Quinn to take on many more academic and leadership challenges as he completes his MArch at UNL, and to transition to a very successful professional career as an architect.

Yours sincerely,



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Quinn McFadden, AIAS

Graduate AIAS Student Award Candidate

Quinn is currently a M.ARCH student at Architecture at the University of Nebraska. He joined AIAS his freshman year of college, as a design member for the Freedom By Design team and soon contributed more and more each year. His second year of school, he managed to become the Project Manager for the FBD team and continued the position through his Junior Year and became the FBD Director his Senior Year and was an active member on the National Advisory Committee and Special Design Task Force. Recently Quinn was elected as Chapter President and is eager to take on the challenge of returning to better normal in the upcoming year.

Quinn grew up in Omaha, Nebraska and is currently interning for BCDM Architects, a firm that is centered around designing buildings that form people. Outside of his studies, chapter involvement, and his job, Quinn is an active member on the Emerging Professionals Committee and Lincoln AIA Board, attempting to strengthen the bond between AIAS and AIA Nebraska. When he is not doing any of those activities, he loves to explore the outdoors, traveling to the nearest mountain range, often having some of his best thoughts when on the trail.

## **Statement of Contributions**

Quinn took the Freedom by Design program at the University of Nebraska Lincoln and transformed it from an engagement group to a design build group. This transformation allowed for partners of the Nebraska Chapter to continue to grow their own organizations and help others in need by having students from the Chapter work with them on design solutions and then constructing the project. Quinn's work with Freedom by Design did not stop at the Chapter level though, his work on the Freedom by Design Advisory Committee allowed him to guide struggling and new FBD teams from across the country become successful change makers in their own communities. To help spread the message of FBD on the national level, he took charge of the social media for the Advisory Committee so that important resources and stories could be readily available and that students from across the country had a platform to share their work with the rest of the national organization of AIAS and Freedom by Design. Meanwhile, Quinn was an inaugural member of the National Freedom By Design Task Force, a collaborative, year-long project aimed at educating students and the community about sustainable design. He along with 9 other students from across the country met every couple of weeks to come up with design solutions for the University of Maryland's Sustainability Park and Academic Research Center through online video calls. The task force was going to construct and install the design during the 2020 AIAS Grassroots Conference but has since been delayed due to COVID-19.

After transforming the Chapter's Freedom by Design group and serving on two national committees for FBD, he has shifted focus to growing the Nebraska Chapter and its membership value since being elected President. First he reached out and found donors to help fund chapter events and expenses so chapter dues could be kept to minimum, making membership more affordable for college students. Secondly, with the help of his Executive Committee he put together a survival guide for the college to distribute to new architecture students to help dispel the stigmas of architecture school and set precedents for successful projects while taking care of their physical, mental, and emotional well being. He then shifted to growing the value of the membership and established the N' Studio Podcast. Similar to what he did for the Advisory Committee's social media, he intends to use the Podcast as a "virtual" stage for students, professors and professionals to showcase their work and give students advice on their studies and professional careers. Lastly, he has been working with numerous groups within the college and professional organizations to ensure students will have the same if not greater experiences this fall amid the global pandemic. He may only be three months into his presidency, there is no doubt in our minds he will continue to change our chapter for the better in the next nine months.



# Quinn McFadden

4th Year Architecture Student

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## SKILLS

RHINOCEROS

COMPUTATIONAL MODELING

BIM + BIM 360

ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE

BLUEBEAM

MICROSOFT OFFICE

DIGITAL FABRICATION

WOOD WORKING + WELDING

## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | LINCOLN, NE

August 2016 - PRESENT

Architectural Studies Major - 3.07 Cumulative GPA

### MILLARD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL | OMAHA, NE

August 2012 - May 2016

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### BIM Intern @ Capitol City Electric Company

May 2019 - September 2019

Responsible for keeping revit files and drawings up to date, modeling existing conditions from field visits, developing precast and prefabrication drawings, BIM 360 and Bluebeam Studio file management. Assisted with submittal and closeout procedures.

### Traffic Intern @ Felsburg Holt & Ullevig

May 2018 - November 2018

Responsible for data collection and analysis, creating reports and graphics for traffic engineering department. Worked under a Licensed Engineer.

### RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIR @ UNIVERSITY HOUSING

August 2017 - May 2018

Responsible for leading two separate committees focusing on Resident Success and Wellness and The Presidents Committee. Both Committees met weekly and conducted events and service projects multiple times throughout the semester.

## INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

### AIA CENTRAL STATES STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

October 2019

Represented UNL's College of Architecture in a one day charrette competition and placed third in the region.

### AIAS FREEDOM BY DESIGN NATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

September 2019 - Present

Responsible for assisting Midwest FBD Directors in their chapter's annual project

### AIAS FREEDOM BY DESIGN LIVE NATIONAL TASK FORCE

July 2019 - Present

National group of students, tasked with designing a sustainability park for the Leafhouse in Maryland

### AIAS NEBRASKA FREEDOM BY DESIGN DIRECTOR

April 2019 - Present

Responsible for leading Nebraska's FBD renovation project at The Bay Lincoln.

### EAGLE SCOUT

February 2012

Received the highest rank in Scouting. Held the following roles during my scouting career: Philmont Crew Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Leadership Instructor, National Youth Leadership Training.

To whom it may concern,

With this letter, I offer my full and enthusiastic support for Quinn McFadden's nomination for the AIAS Student Award in the Graduate Student category. Quinn is a 5th year graduate student at the College of Architecture. During the nearly three years I've known Quinn, he has excelled both in his academic studies and his co-curricular activities. It is through these latter activities that I have come to know Quinn over the past 2 years

Even though Quinn is just starting his M.Arch, he has served on the AIAS Nebraska Executive Board his entire undergraduate career and is extremely actively involved in the AIAS at the regional and national levels. I have had the privilege to travel to National Conferences with him and was blown away by how well-liked he was by peers from all across the country.

Last year he was selected by faculty and peers to represent our chapter and school at the AIA Central States 2019 Student Design competition and played a key role on the team. Upon their return, Quinn's teammates praised him for his leadership in making sure that the team was organized and that the project moved quickly along allowing the team to place 3rd place for the first time in six years.

On the AIAS Nebraska executive Board, Quinn has helped organize a series of professional development workshops for the college. These workshops prepare students for our annual Career Fair, and include instruction on how to put together a winning CV and portfolios, and a panel discussion with AIA professionals and alumni on the intangibles of job interview. He launched and was the director of AIAS Nebraska's first community service program, Freedom By Design, and he serves on its Advisory Committee & Live Task Force at the national level.

With these activities, he has stepped up his involvement in the AIAS and brings significantly larger projects and opportunities to us as a chapter and a college. Recently, he was elected by the chapter to serve as the Chapter President for the upcoming year and has since then devoted himself to growing the chapter in multiple ways, even with a pandemic dominating most of our lives. He is constantly stepping up as a leader in team endeavors, helping to manage groups of students and resources. In efforts for team research and model-building he solved issues of constructability and time management. Quinn's interest in the field is not narrowly focused, but encompasses the science, technology and engineering that are necessary to the field of architecture. This broader interest helps Quinn cultivate a comprehensive and inclusive view of the field that allows him to relate to the wide array of ways in which students may be interested in being involved in the discipline.

It is clear to me that Quinn is passionate about the mission of the AIAS. Being only President for a few months, he is already making a positive impact not only at the regional level but at the national level as well. Given his strong leadership, communication and organizational skills, I have no doubt that Quinn will continue to excel as President, bringing new energy and attention to the activities of the AIAS in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Geneva Sinkula

AIAS - UNL Chapter | External Vice President

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## FBD LIVE



### IN CELEBRATION OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF AIAS' COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, FREEDOM BY DESIGN, THE AIAS WILL BE KICKING OFF FBD LIVE AT OUR ANNUAL AIAS GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN 2019.

FBD Live is a collaborative, year-long project aimed at educating students and the community about sustainable design. Partnering with **LEAFhouse** (<https://aiapv.org/content.php?page=LEAFHouse>), **UMD's student-led Sustainability Cooperative: SCoop** ([https://aiapv.org/blog/UMD\\_Sustainability\\_Cooperative\\_SCoop\\_Forms\\_Around\\_LEAFHouse](https://aiapv.org/blog/UMD_Sustainability_Cooperative_SCoop_Forms_Around_LEAFHouse)), **University of Maryland's Office of Sustainability** (<https://sustainability.umd.edu/about>), and **AIA Potomac Valley** (<https://aiapv.org/index.php>), the goal is to expand their current site to grow into a demonstration facility. The hope is that the LEAFhouse site will turn into a place where the public, designers, and policymakers will be able to come and learn in real time about the design and implementation of systems such as rain barrels, native plantings, vegetative solar shades, and stormwater management. We hope to grow all these individual activities into a broader concept that would create a vibrant, full-time combination of scholarship, research, testing, discussion, and demonstration at the 3 ½-acre site LEAFhouse occupies, with a singular focus on answering the question, "What is 'sustainability' and how can we achieve it?" This concept, which we refer to as SPARC – **Sustainability Park and Academic Research Center**, could be the first facility of its kind.

The project is broken down as follows:

1. 10 AIAS members will be selected to be a part of this AIAS National Freedom By Design Project. These students will be a part of a Task Force that would also include 10 students from the University of Maryland's SCoop – the Sustainability Cooperative made up of different sustainable groups on campus, including AIAS, Engineers without Borders, and more.
2. The FBD Live Task Force would then convene on Wednesday, July 17th at the LEAFhouse to conduct an initial site visit, hear from sustainability professionals and participate in hands-on demonstrations, and work on design charrettes for the overall site planning of the Park, along with the first 'installation' project.
3. The FBD Live Task Force would then work throughout the year to make progress on the first 'installation project', ideally culminating in a built project and a ribbon cutting ceremony during Grassroots 2020.
4. AIAS National will record, document, and create educational materials from the FBD Live Event and SPARC project for future AIAS Chapters to be able to do similar FBD projects if interested.

All FBD Live Task Force members should arrive in Washington, DC on Tuesday, July 16th to participate in the event on Wednesday, July 17th. Due to our partnerships with NCARB and the Benjamin Moore Foundation, the 10 AIAS members on the AIAS FBD Live Task Force will receive comped registration to the 2019 AIAS Grassroots Leadership Conference, as well as a \$700 travel stipend to attend the summer event.

## + SCHEDULE

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